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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO CCK LETTER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO CCK LETTER OF SEPT 20. IN PASSING TO PREMIER, PLEASE REQUEST THAT MESSAGE BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL. ORIGINAL HAS BEEN POUCHED.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PREMIER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE KIND SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 20. I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS ON OUR CURRENT RELATIONSHIP.

2. AS YOU OBSERVED, THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF OUR TIES IS INDEED IMPRESSIVE. WE HAVE BOTH SHOWN A DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS. WE CAN TAKE MUTUAL PRIDE IN OUR PRESENT RELATIONSHIP. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE YEARS.

3. I ALSO WISH TO MENTION MY CONTINUING ADMIRATION FOR THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR PEOPLE. THESE ARE DUE IN LARGE PART, I AM CONVINCED, TO

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THE EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED FATHER

AND YOURSELF. DURING MY VISIT TO TAIWAN IN 1953, I WAS
ABLE TO SEE MANY OF THE CHALLENGES WHICH HAVE CONFRONTED

YOU. I THEREFORE FIND YOUR SUBSEQUENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS
ALL THE MORE IMPRESSIVE. I AM PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED
BY THE PRODUCTIVE USE YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS MADE OF ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY MY GOVERNMENT IN EARLIER YEARS.
WE CONTINUE TO CITE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AS AN OUTSTANDING
EXAMPLE OF WHAT A DETERMINED PEOPLE CAN ACCOMPLISH IF
GIVEN HELP WHEN THEY MOST NEED IT.

4. UPON ASSUMING OFFICE, I STRESSED THE CONTINUITY OF
AMERICAN POLICIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
I ALSO REAFFIRMED OUR WORLDWIDE COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING OUR
COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. I
CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE DO NOT FORGET OUR FRIENDS. WE
WILL CONTINUE TO VALUE OUR CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE
RELATIONSHIP.

5. OUR POLICIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE DESIGNED TO
CONSTRUCT A FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE THAT WILL ALLOW
MANKIND'S INTELLECTUAL AND PHYSICAL RESOURCES TO BE
DEVOTED INCREASINGLY TO MEETING OUR COMMON CHALLENGES.
WE REALIZE THAT THIS WILL NOT BE AN EASY TASK AND THAT
FIRMNESS AS WELL AS CONCILIATION WILL BE REQUIRED. I
AM SURE THAT WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING
THIS DIFFICULT GOAL DESIRED BY BOTH OF OUR PEOPLES.
SINCERELY, SIGNED GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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